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## ***FBI Links Reds To Viet 'Sit-Ins'***

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**W**ASHINGTON: The latest intelligence reports to reach the White House indicate that Hanoi is confident the U. S. will soon be so embroiled in angry squabbling about Viet Nam that President Johnson will bow to home front political pressure and pull the U. S. out of Southeast Asia.

The Communists, of course, are much too wily to leave such an iffy development to chance.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has compiled evidence which indicates the Communists are conducting a highly organized campaign to discredit government policy on Viet Nam here at home. The chief weapon thus far appears to be the publicity generated by the picketing, sit-ins, and other demonstrations of students who are willing or unwitting tools.

Communist agitators have been directly linked with a number of student groups involved in the "sit-ins" outside the White House fence and the marches on the roadside beyond the President's LBJ Ranch. FBI investigations have uncovered Communist backgrounds as well among a number of student demonstrators at the University of California, the University of Wisconsin, and elsewhere.

The Communist agitators on campuses have be-



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come so flagrant and so troublesome that several congressmen are planning speeches revealing in detail the extent of the leftist activity.

Combating the Communist efforts to weaken LBJ's stand in South Viet Nam is a touchy business for the Administration. As the President said at his press conference last week, he welcomes "honest, forthright discussion" of his Viet Nam policy and he expects "differences of views." The President knows that such public debates are vital to a democracy and he does not want to revive the old witch-hunting days of Senator Joseph McCarthy, when anybody who disagreed with the powers that be was indiscriminately labeled a Communist.

There appears to be little the President himself can do to stop student protests prompted by Communist agitators, except to pass the word that their aim is hopeless. This, in his way, he is trying to do.

Using student demonstrations to influence government policy against the U.S. is a long-standing technique used successfully by the Communists in other countries. CIA reports have indicated that the Communists were behind the student riots in Japan in 1960 which caused the government to call off a projected trip by President Eisenhower, and the riots in Latin America the year before when Vice President Richard Nixon was surrounded, jostled and insulted.

Not all the beatniks in beards and young girls in madras are Marxists, of course. After all it is Springtime and students have always wanted to kick up their heels and protest something—any old thing—in the Springtime.

But it is the official view here that those who are not Communists are helping the Communist cause of discrediting U. S. policy in Viet Nam and, worse, they are interfering with and endangering free and legitimate debate on the President's foreign policy.